

Resolved, That the standing committee on Internal Improvements be reorganized so as to be composed of one member from each judicial district, in addition to the present committee; adopted.

Mr. Palmer moved to strike out "two," and insert "one;" adopted.

Mr. Maverick offered the following amendment:

Add after judicial district, the words "not already represented in said committee;" adopted.

Mr. Neighbors offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That a committee of two from each judicial district be raised, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the expediency of adopting a general system of Internal Improvements, and report by bill or otherwise; lost.

Question then recurred on the adoption of the resolution as amended; resolution adopted.

Whereupon the Speaker added the following members to said original committee:

Mr. Mabry from second judicial district; Mr. McDade from district number three; Daggett from fifth district; Palmer from 7th district; Throckmorton from 9th district; Browder from 11th district.

Mr. Pollock introduced a bill for the relief of William Smith, or his assignee; read first time.

Mr. Cannon presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That Messrs. Hartley and White be added to the committee on Education.

Pending the consideration of Mr. Cannon's resolution,

On motion of Mr. Andrews, the House adjourned until Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

AUSTIN, Monday, January 17, 1853.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Bee, Camp, Crabb, Crockett, Fields, Hamilton, Hord, Howard, Johnson, Lane, McDade, McFarland, Neal, Neighbors, Scott, Stapp, Stewart, Tankersley Tarver, Taylor of H. and Wilson.

Journal of Saturday read and adopted.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Tarrant presented the petition of sundry citizens of Navarro county, praying the creation of a new county; referred to the committee on County Boundaries.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of John E. Dusenbury, praying relief; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of Sylvester Chamberlain, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of A. W. Kirkpatrick, praying relief; referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Maverick presented the petition of the administrator of Edward Little, deceased, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Speights presented the petition of Harriet Collins, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

Mr. Rossey presented the petition of sundry colonists of Fisher & Miller's Colony, praying relief; referred to a Special committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Rossey, Maverick, Andrews, Evans of P. and Doom.

Mr. Speights presented the petition of S. H. Morris, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

Mr. Speights presented the petition of S. E. Griffith, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

Mr. Hardeman of Caldwell presented the petition of Henry E. McCulloch, agent for Henry R. W. Hill, praying relief; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Titus presented the petition of Leven S. Sargent, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

Mr. Titus presented the petition of James Blair, praying relief; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Dunlap presented the petition of A. Weyman, praying relief; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Dunlap presented the petition of Jane L. Weyman, in behalf of herself and others, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the petition of Dennis Kinsall, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Throckmorton presented the petition of Larkin Adamson, assignee of George Joy, praying relief; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Edwards introduced a bill making an appropriation for the per diem pay and mileage of the members and officers of the second session of the fourth Legislature of the State of Texas, convened in extraordinary session on the 10th January, 1853; read first time.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill supplementary to an act entitled an act, granting to settlers on vacant public domain pre-emption privileges, approved January 22, 1845; read first time.

Mr. Tarrant introduced a bill supplementary to an act relating to lands in Peters' Colony; read first time.

Mr. Daggett introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Henderson and Burkville Railroad Company; read first time.

Mr. Patrick introduced a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Anson Lodge No. 29, I. O. O. F.; read first time.

Mr. Flanagan introduced a bill for the purpose of determining what lands are forfeited in the State of Texas; read first time.

Mr. Scott introduced a bill to facilitate the settlement of the fiscal affairs of the late Republic of Texas; read first time.

Mr. Scott introduced a bill explanatory of an act entitled an act for the relief of certain persons formerly prisoners of war in Mexico, approved February 9, 1850; read first time.

Mr. Reid introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, deceased; read first time.

Mr. Evans of Polk introduced a bill for the relief of Robert Fry and Lodovick Fry; read first time.

Mr. Charlton introduced a bill for the relief of Wm. Forbes; read first time.

Mr. Charlton introduced a bill for the relief of William R. Willis; read first time.

Mr. Browder introduced a bill for the relief of the inhabitants of San Elizario; read first time.

On motion, Mr. Johnson was excused from attendance on the House to-day on account of indisposition.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to incorporate the town of Mount Vernon in Titus county, Texas; read first time.

Mr. Hooker introduced a bill for the relief of Charles A. Warfield; read first time.

Mr. Andrews introduced a bill granting the use of certain portions of the bay to the Galveston Dry Dock Company; read first time.

Mr. Andrews introduced a bill amending an act relinquishing the title of the State to lots on Galveston Island; read first time.

Mr. Rossy introduced a bill for the relief of C. H. Buchner; read first time.

Mr. Edwards introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to establish the New Orleans, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, for the extension of the New Orleans, Algiers and Opelousas Railway through Texas; read first time.

Mr. Turner introduced a bill for the relief of Patrick May; read first time.

Mr. Turner introduced a bill for the relief of the heirs of Geo. Creath, deceased; read first time.

Mr. Jowers introduced a bill supplementary to an act authorizing the issuing of duplicate land warrants; read first time.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill creating the 14th Judicial District; read first time.

Mr. Wren introduced a joint resolution for the relief of Lasa McKenzie; read first time.

Mr. Hartley introduced a joint resolution to amend the Constitution for the purpose of calling a Convention; read first time.

Mr. Hamilton, by leave, presented the petition of Michael Ziller, praying relief; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Hamilton introduced a bill to authorize the erection of certain machinery on the commons in the City of Austin; read first time.

Mr. Westmoreland introduced a bill changing the name of Rachel T. Jackson to Rachel F. Crittenden; read first time.

Mr. Dunlap introduced a bill to amend an act creating the county of Hidalgo; read first time.

Mr. Flanagan introduced a bill for the relief of D. L. Ray and John Anderson; read first time.

On motion, the House proceeded to dispose of the business on the Speaker's table, and

THE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The resolution of Mr. Cannon being under consideration when the House adjourned, again came up, was read and adopted.

The committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, January 17, 1853.

Hon. D. C. DICKSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

The committee on Engrossed Bills have examined a bill entitled an act concerning certain lands in Austin's second colony, and the colony of Austin and Williams, and report that the same has been correctly engrossed.

A. J. HOOD,

Chairman.

Mr. Mabry moved to suspend the rule regulating the general order of business, in order to take up and consider the bill just reported by the Engrossing committee; motion lost.

A message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, transmitting a communication in writing, with accompanying documents.

On motion of Mr. Stapp, the communication just received was taken up and read as follows, to wit :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF TEXAS, }
Austin, January 17, 1853. }

To the Hon. Senate and

House of Representatives :

GENTLEMEN : I have the honor herewith to transmit the Report of the Comptroller and its accompanying vouchers, respectively marked "A," "B" and "C," for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1852; and respectfully recommend it to the consideration of your honorable body. The well known efficiency and sound judgment of this officer gives weight to the recommendation contained in his report, that the District Attornies be appointed as Agents in their several Districts to perform the duties hitherto discharged by H. M. Kinsey, Esq., under a special appointment of the third Legislature.

P. H. BELL.

After which, on motion, the communication and accompanying documents were referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Jowers moved to add Mr. Randolph to the committee on Apportionment; motion lost.

A bill to authorize the county court of Comal county to levy and collect a special tax, with the report of the committee on County Boundaries, recommending its passage; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill repealing the second section of an act passed on the 10th day of February, 1852, changing the names of Antoinette Scott and Sidney Way, to that of Devereaux, with the report of the committee on State Affairs, recommending its passage; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Tacitus Clay; read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 1.

A bill supplementary to an act to restore lands sold for taxes and purchased by the State, to the former owners, approved January 28, 1852; read second time and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill for the relief of John Work; read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

A bill to repeal an act relating to lands in Peters' Colony, approved, February 10, 1852; read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to define the time of holding the District Courts in the 10th Judicial District; read second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill for the relief of Julia Childers, sole heir of Hiram Friley, deceased; read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 1.

A bill for the relief of John Hughes and the heirs of John C. Sullivan, deceased; read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 1.

A bill to establish the thirteenth Judicial District; read second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill supplementary to an act entitled an act to establish and incorporate the Marshall University, and to change the name thereof to that of Van Zandt College; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to incorporate the Male and Female Academy at Mount Enterprise; read second time and referred to the committee on Education.

A bill to amend an act regulating the fees of office; read second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Thomas Hamilton, deceased; read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

A bill granting to Nicholas Heron, his heirs or assigns, bounty and donation lands; read second time.

Mr. Scott moved to lay the bill upon the table, upon which the yeas and nays were called for and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Speaker, Bee, Bryan of B., Cannon, Crockett,

Edwards, Evans of B., Evans of A., Evans of P., Hardeman of N., Hood, Lane, Lawson, Maverick, Palmer, Patrick, Rains, Runnels, Russell, Scott, Sims, Speights, Tarrant and Titus—24.

NAYS—Messrs. Browder, Charlton, Coles, Daggett, Doom, Dunlap, Flanagan, Hamilton, Hartley, Hardeman of C., Jowers, Lott, Mabry, Neighbors, Pollock, Randolph, Reid, Rossy, Rowe, Stapp, Taylor of F., Taylor of H., Thomson, Throckmorton, Turner, White and Wren—27.

So the motion was lost.

On motion, the bill was then referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 1.

A bill for the relief of Reuben Vest, assignee of Thomas Hughes; read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 2.

A bill for the relief of Joseph Bays; read second time and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims, No. 1.

A bill granting lands to certain citizens of the State of Texas; read second time and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to authorize J. P. Hollingsworth and his associates to construct a bridge across the Sabine river; read second time and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to create the county of Madison; read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of William Smith or his assignee, for provisions furnished the army of the Republic of Texas; read second time and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

There being no further business on the Speaker's table, on motion, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

AUSTIN, Tuesday, January 18, 1853.

House met pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

Absentees—Messrs. Bee, Bryan of C., Evans of B., Evans of A., Fields, Howard, Johnson, Lane, Maverick, McDade, McFarland, Neal, Palmer, Scott, Tarver, Taylor of H. and Westmoreland.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Tarrant, Mr. McDade was excused from attendance on the House to-day, on account of indisposition.